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PLANET IN PERIL

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE...

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS ON PLANET MOBIUS FOR ONCE! MAYBE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS BEEN MOVED BY THE FESTIVE SPIRIT.

HMM... I CAN'T SEE THAT HAPPENING SOMEHOW, TAILS!

ELSEWHERE, WITHIN ONE ONE OF THE NEW ZONES...

SONIC MUST DIE!

SMASH!!

C-COULDN'T AGREE MORE, SIR! WITH SONIC OUT OF THE WAY, YOU COULD RULE MOBIUS FOREVER!

SILENCE, GRIMER! MAYBE WORLD DOMINATION ISN'T WHAT I WANT ANY MORE!

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EVERY TIME I TRY TO TAKE OVER, SONIC BEATS ME! MAYBE I'M GETTING TOO *OLD* FOR THESE GAMES!

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST DESTROY PLANET MOBIUS AND BE DONE WITH IT!

THE WORDS WE NEEDED TO HEAR! SURELY YOU ARE *THE ONE!*

THE GREAT DESTROYER OUR LEGENDS SPEAK OF!

WHO *ARE YOU?* MORE ALLIES OF SONIC'S?

I'LL *FRY* YOU ALIVE!

YOU MISUNDERSTAND US, GREAT ONE! WE ARE *THE PLAX!* * WE *SHARE* YOUR HATRED OF THE HEDGEHOG!

TOGETHER WE CAN EXTERMINATE HIM AND ALL LIFE ON MOBIUS!

*SEE STC 159, BOOMERS!

THEY'RE SOME SORT OF *PLASTIC ARTIFICIAL* LIFE-FORM...

AND THEY SEEM TO BELIEVE *YOU'RE* THEIR *SPIRITUAL LEADER!*

PLAY ALONG WITH THEM, GRIMER! IT SUITS MY PLANS!

SO, UH, GENTLEMEN YOU SHARE MY DESIRE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF MOBIUS!

LET'S GET TO WORK THEN, SHALL WE?

NEXT MORNING, AS SONIC AND TEKNO RESPOND TO AN ALERT FROM THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER...

WHAT'S WITH THE EARLY WAKE-UP CALL, KINTOBOR?

I HAVE DETECTED A SERIOUS DISRUPTION IN THE ENERGY PATTERNS OF THE PLANET ITSELF.

I'LL TRY TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OF-- SWAARRK! DZZT!

KINTOBOR!

AA/EEE!

OUTSIDE, QUICKLY, TEKNO! SOMETHING'S UP!

DON'T PANIC! IT'S JUST A STORM!

IT--IT'S MORE THAN THAT, SONIC! IT'S ALMOST LIKE EVIL IS IN THE AIR!

HAH! NOT LIKE YOU TO BE SO UNSCIENTIFIC, TEKNO!

CREEAK

TH-THE CHRISTMAS TREE—!

AAGHH! WE'LL BE CRUSHED!

—AND RUIN YOUR CHRISTMAS? CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

THOOM!

THE TREE MUST HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING!

NO, IT...IT JUST *DIED!*

YES... EVERYTHING IS DYING... AND YOU'RE NEXT!

IT'S SOME SORT OF *ANTI-LIFE VIRUS!* SONIC... EVERYTHING'S CRUMBLING... *DYING!*

WHAT?

WHOA!

HEY, I'M SUPPOSED TO TAKE A *DEATH-THREAT* FROM A *SNOWMAN* SERIOUSLY?

DOES THIS ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

WHOA!

SHING

THAT DOES IT!

SUPER SPIN ATTACK!

FWHAMM!

WAY TO GO, SONIC! YOU BEAT HIM!

I'M NOT SO SURE!

I AM UNBEATABLE!

UNNGH!

HE'S UNDERNEATH US!

I'VE JUST DONE A QUICK SCAN! THAT BRUTE'S A HI-TECH CONSTRUCTION, MADE OF MILLIONS OF MICROSCOPIC *ROBOTS!*

SO HE'S JUST USING THE SNOWMAN FORM AS A *DISGUISE* TO GIVE HIM AN *ADVANTAGE* IN THE *SNOW!*

JUST A *ROBOT*, HUH?

DISTRACT HIM, TAILS! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

SWAT

YOW!

MAYBE I CAN *CONTAIN* HIM INSIDE A *COCOON OF SPEED* WHILE I THINK OF A *PERMANENT* WAY TO SORT HIM OUT!

YOU'LL GET *TIRED* EVENTUALLY, SONIC! THEN I'LL *SMASH* YOU!

AAAGHHHhh...

SMASH

WOW! YOUR *SPEED COCOON* DIVERTED THE ELECTRICAL STORM TOWARDS THE SNOWMAN!

GREAT USE OF *SCIENCE*, SONIC!

YEAH, ER... THAT'S THE WAY I *PLANNED* IT!

SURE IT WAS!

LATER...

OKAY, GUYS, LISTEN UP! THE "SNOWMAN" IS DESTROYED, BUT THE PLANET'S *ECO-SYSTEM* IS STILL COLLAPSING!

NO PRIZES FOR GUESSING WHO'S BEHIND IT! GOT TO BE *ROBOTNIK!*

HE MUST HAVE SENT THAT *ROBOT SNOW-MAN* TOO!

IT'S HIS STYLE SURE ENOUGH! WE'VE GOT TO *FIND* ROBOTNIK AND *STOP* HIM!

COUNT ME IN! I *OWE* ROBOTNIK FOR RUINING MY LIFE WHEN HE TURNED ME INTO A *CYBERNIK* YEARS AGO!

SHORTFUSE! LONG TIME NO SEE!

OKAY, TAILS — YOU STAY HERE TO LOOK AFTER THE CITIZENS! THE REST OF YOU FOLLOW ME!

GOOD LUCK, GANG!

SEE YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK!

TAILS DOESN'T REALISE HOW *SERIOUS* THE SITUATION IS!

UNLESS WE FIND A WAY TO REVERSE THE DAMAGE TO THE *ENVIRONMENT*, WE WON'T HAVE ANY ZONES TO COME *BACK* TO!

NEXT ISSUE: THE TERRA CONNECTION!

BERNARD MATTHEWS

DINOSAURS

WHAT'S THAT TERRY?!

IT LOOKS REMARKABLY LIKE A TIME-MACHINE TO ME ZIGGY

A TEA-TIME-MACHINE ACTUALLY FRIENDS! I'M PROFESSOR EGGHEAD, AND THIS IS MY ASSISTANT WANDA

WE'RE HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT DINOSAURS REALLY ATE! YOU SIR! CAN YOU TELL US?

CHOMP!

WELL... THAT WAS FINE FOR A STARTER! NOW, YOU TWO HOLD STILL!

ERR... WHY DON'T YOU TRY OUR LUNCH INSTEAD?!

CHOMP CHOMP!

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT I THINK HENRY IS STILL HUNGRY!

GOOD THINKING WANDA!

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THE POWER OF THE SACRED IDOL HAS TRANSPORTED **KNUCKLES** BACK TO THE SHIP OF THE THREE EVIL TANTAROR.

HIS PLANS TO RESCUE THE PRISONERS ON BOARD HAVE ALREADY GONE WRONG!

RETURN TO US THE **IDOL OF TANTARAGOR.**

YOU'VE DOOMED **YOURSELF** TRYING TO RESCUE US, FRIEND.

YOU CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE THE **POWER** OF THESE CREATURES!

I KNOW... I'VE **SEEN** WHAT THESE MONSTERS ARE CAPABLE OF!

I REALISE HOW **SLIM** MY CHANCES ARE AGAINST THEM...

KNUCKLES™

The GHOST SHIP

Part 6

Script: NIGEL KITCHING

Art: NIGEL DOBBYN

Lettering: ELITTA FELL

BUT **NOTHING** CAN STOP ME FROM **TRYING!**

NNN-GGGHH!

FZAAAK!

THE IDOL, IF YOU DON'T MIND!

AS IT HAPPENS, I **DO** MIND, YOU DOG-FACED **CREEP!**

YOU CAN NOT PREVENT ME. WE HAVE MAGICAL POWERS BEYOND YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

YAAAA!

Ah... Ah... Ah...

NOW, WE CAN RETURN TO OUR OWN DIMENSION. THE ECHIDNA WILL MAKE A FINE ADDITION TO OUR SLAVES.

WAIT. SOMETHING IS WRONG. THE IDOL DOES NOT RESPOND.

THE SHIP... IT'S BEGINNING TO *SHUDDER!* WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IT'S FALLING APART!

THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE.

I BELIEVE I UNDERSTAND.

THE REASON YOU COULD NOT COMMAND THE IDOL TO RETURN US TO OUR OWN DIMENSION IS SIMPLE...

WE ARE ALREADY HERE!

YOU ARE QUITE CORRECT, FOLLOWERS OF *ORKYM-RO*...

ALL I NEEDED WAS FOR KNUCKLES TO DISTRACT YOU FOR A MOMENT.

THIS GAVE ME TIME TO ACTIVATE THE IDOL AND BRING YOU HERE.

BOY, EKKLETOS SURE GOT BIG!

JUST LIKE FISHING... YOU USED ME AS BAIT?

MY APOLOGIES. IT WAS BY FAR THE EASIEST SOLUTION.

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO CAPTURE THE CREATURES OF OTHER WORLDS.

YOUR PUNISHMENT WILL BE MOST SEVERE.

LOOK, IF YOU'VE FINISHED WITH US, CAN WE GO NOW?

MY APOLOGIES...

LOOK CAP'N, KNUCKLES STILL HAS THE IDOL...

I RETURN YOU TO YOUR OWN WORLD.

AS SOON AS WE GET BACK, WE'LL GRAB 'IM!

INSTANTLY BACK AT SCOURGE BAY...

WE'RE BACK!

ALL RIGHT KNUCKLES ME LAD, **HAND OVER** THE IDOL OF TANTARAGOR!

I DON'T **HAVE** IT, PLUNDER... I GUESS EKKLETOS DECIDED TO HANG ON TO IT!

WE HAD A **DEAL!** I GIVE YOU THE TRUNK FULL OF DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE FLOATING ISLAND AND **YOU** GET ME THE TANTARAGOR IDOL!

NO IDOL, NO DEAL!

I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT **ENOUGH** OF EE, PLUNDER, YOU **BLUNDERING OAF!** YOU MIGHT'VE GOT US ALL KILLED WITH YOUR **TOM-FOOLERY!**

ZORABEL... I **FORGOT** SHE WAS HERE!

I'M QUEEN AROUND HERE AN' WHAT **I** SES GOES!

YES, BUT...

SHUT IT, PLUNDER!

TAKE THE TRUNK, KNUCKLES...YOU'VE **EARNED** IT!

YOU AN' THE PEOPLE THE TANTAROR IMPRISONED ARE FREE TO GO!

TOM, FETCH ME MY **KNUCKLE-DUSTERS...**

...THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS I WANT TO EXPLAIN TO CAPTAIN PLUNDER!

The End.

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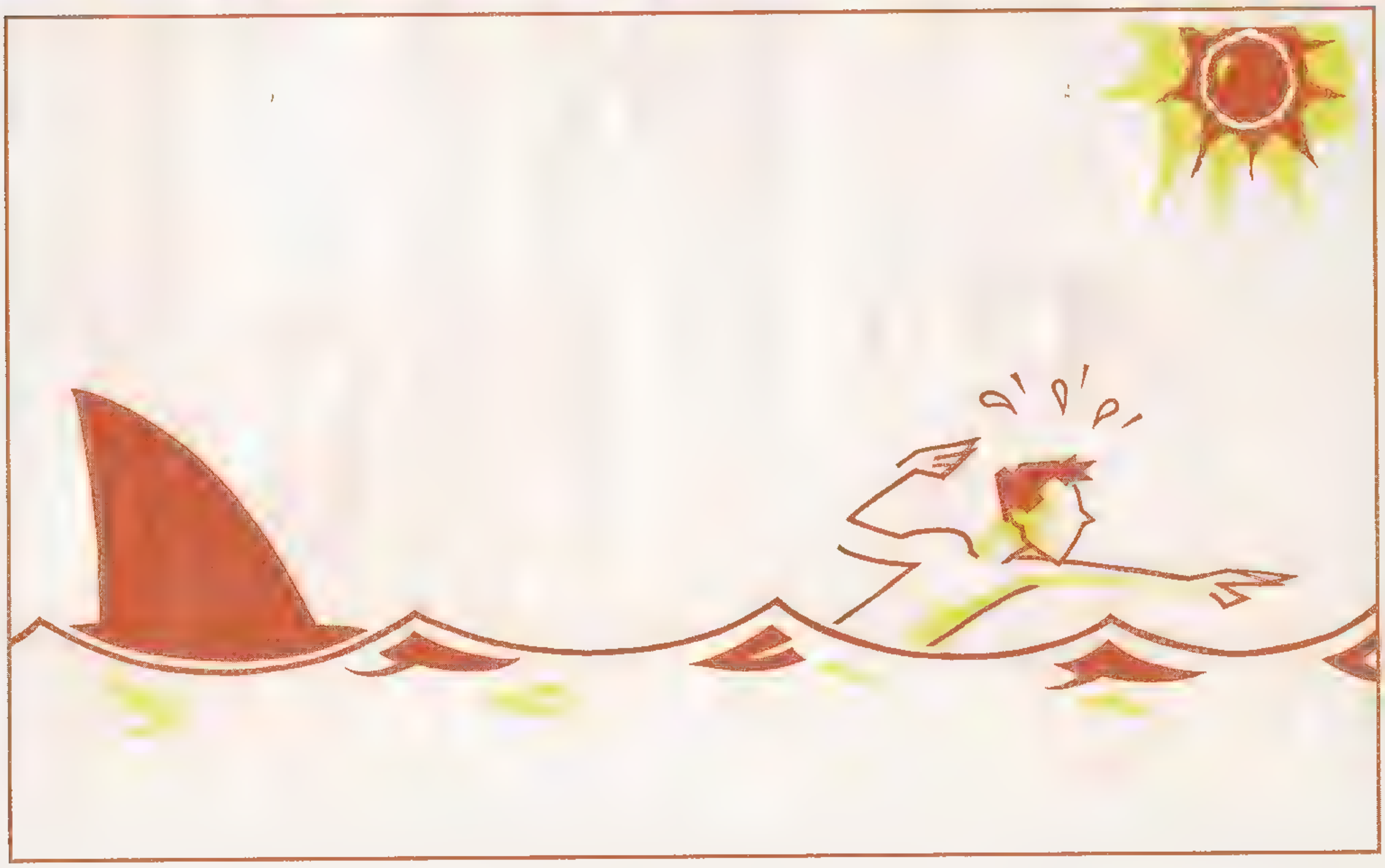

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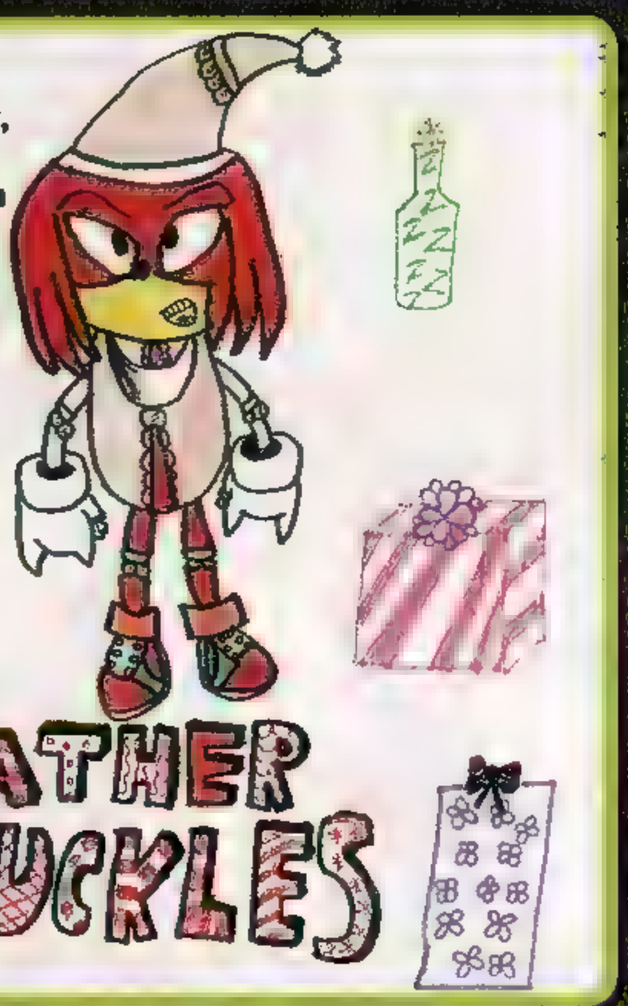

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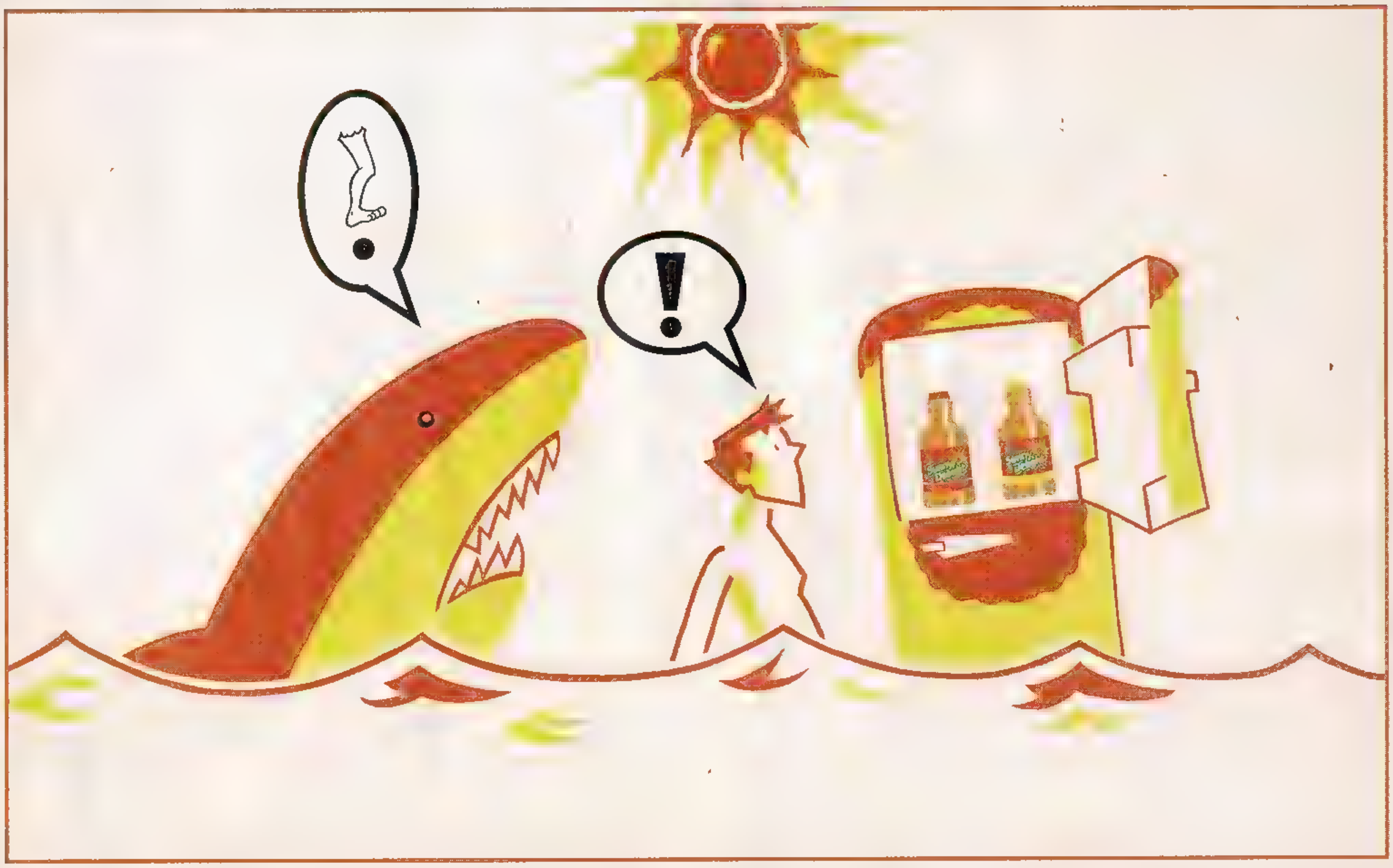

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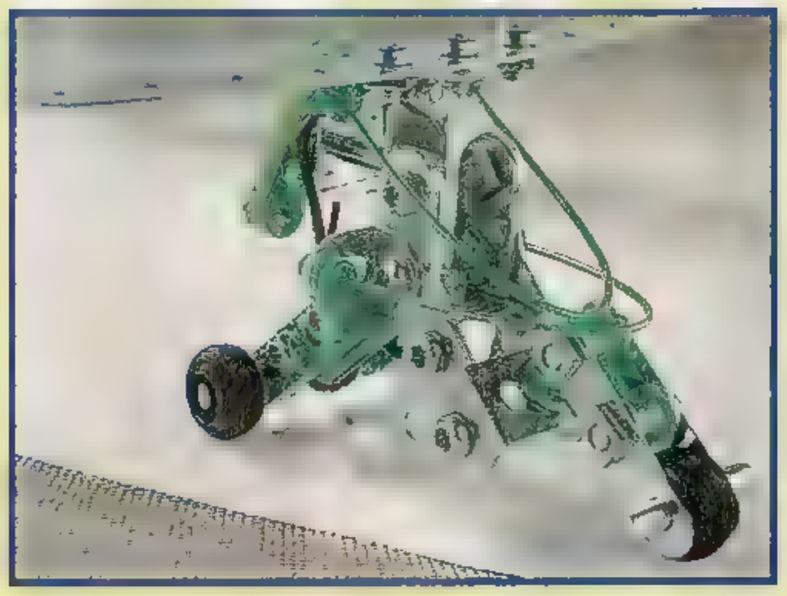

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THE NAMELESS ZONE, THE MYSTERIOUS HIDDEN REGION THAT MOST OF PLANET MOBIUS BELIEVES ONLY EXISTS IN LEGEND.

The Land Beyond Part I

Tails

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE REQUIRED TO OPEN THE PORTAL INTO THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.

WE MUST SUMMON OUR CHAMPION!

MILES PROWER, THE ENCHANTER KINGS HAVE NEED OF YOU!

=GULP!=

SEE, MILES PROWER, HOW YOUR ENCHANTED ARMOUR FORMS AROUND YOU AS YOU ENTER OUR ZONE!

ER...OH YES, SO IT HAS...

I REALLY WISH YOU WOULD CALL ME *TAILS*...

Script: Nigel Kitching **Art:** Dave Windett/John Burns **Lettering:** Elitta Fell

ONCE MORE WE REQUIRE YOU, THE HERO OF MOBIUS, TO UNDERTAKE A *DANGEROUS QUEST!*

I WAS AFRAD I MIGHT BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

WE NEED YOU TO RESCUE *SHIROB*, THE *THIRD* ENCHANTER KING!

BUT AREN'T YOU TWO THE LAST OF THE ENCHANTERS? SHIROB VANISHED YEARS AGO.

I REMEMBER BECAUSE I WAS STILL IN THIS ZONE THEN.

THAT IS TRUE. SHIROB VANISHED JUST BEFORE THE EVIL *TROGG* FIRST CAME TO OUR ZONE.

"...WE EVENTUALLY DEFEATED TROGG AND FORCED HIM ACROSS THE DIMENSION BRIDGE BANISHING HIM TO THE LAND BEYOND.'

THERE HE REMAINS, PLOTTING HIS REVENGE! BUT SHIROB WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN. WE THOUGHT HE HAD BEEN *MURDERED* BY THE EVIL CREATURE!

BUT NOW YOU'VE HEARD NEWS OF HIM, HOW?

HIS FACE APPEARED IN THE *MAGIC CRYSTAL OF COMMUNICATION*, VERY FAINT BUT THE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR.

TROGG DID NOT KILL HIM BUT TOOK HIM *PRISONER* SOMEHOW ...HAS HELD HIM CAPTIVE ALL THESE YEARS IN THE LAND BEYOND.

AND I SUPPOSE YOU WANT *ME* TO RESCUE HIM. oh boy.

WE *KNEW* WE COULD COUNT ON YOU!

YOU WILL HAVE A *COMPANION* ON YOUR JOURNEY. OUR BRAVEST FOX WARRIOR WHO HAS STUDIED ALL KNOWN TEXTS OF THE LAND BEYOND.

MEET *ERROL BLACKTHORN!*

SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS MILES PROWER, HERO OF MOBIUS, EH? SOMEHOW I THOUGHT YOU'D BE, WELL... BIGGER.

THIS SHOULD BE... *INTERESTING.*

WON'T WE HAVE TO DEFEAT THEIR CHAMPION BEFORE WE CAN ENTER THE LAND BEYOND?

WHEN TROGG TRIED TO USE THE BRIDGE HE HAD TO FIGHT ME.*

*SEE STC #17 FOR TAILS' NOT SO TITANIC STRUGGLE WITH TROGG - MEGADROID.

NO, THAT'S JUST THE ENCHANTER KINGS' SPELL TO PROTECT US.

BESIDES, WHO'D *WANT* TO GO TO THE LAND BEYOND?

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...

OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THERE WON'T BE A WELCOMING COMMITTEE!

NEXT: FOX IN A FIX.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

Ice Cap Attack PART 2

Script:
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Steve Potter

HEY! QUIT KICKING SNOW IN MY FACE, HEDGEHOG!

TRY TO KEEP UP WITH ME THEN, CURLY!

A STRANGE "HOLE BETWEEN ZONES" HAS ALLOWED BADNIKS FROM THE FLOATING ISLAND TO INVADE MOBIUS! SONIC TRAVELS TO THE ISLAND TO INVESTIGATE, AND FORMS AN UNEASY ALLIANCE WITH KNUCKLES...

SLOW DOWN, SPEED-FREAK! I THINK WE'VE FOUND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!

I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING EXCEPT SNOW AND ICE IN THIS ZONE!

WELL, THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE! IT'S NOT A NATURAL FORMATION... IT LOOKS MAN-MADE!

YEAH... I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHO IT WAS MADE BY!

NO VISIBLE ENTRANCE! I GUESS WE MAKE OUR OWN!

NO PROBLEM! I CAN TUNNEL BENEATH IT AND–

–IT'LL TAKE AGES! STAND ASIDE, BUDDY! MY WAY IS FASTER!

BDASHH!

NEED I SAY MORE?

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! I THOUGHT I HAD *RELEASED* THIS ZONE FROM YOUR EVIL INFLUENCE!

UNFORTUNATELY, HE KEEPS RETURNING, KNUCKLES. GET USED TO IT!

CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND YOU, *PEASANTS!* IT'S QUITE CHILLY OUT!

YOU'RE PLAYING IT COOL! TRYING TO COMPETE WITH ME?

I DON'T NEED TO COMPETE...I *CONQUER!*

AND I DESTROY!

GET AWAY FROM THAT CONSOLE, CREEP!

I ADVISE YOU NOT TO MOVE, UNLESS YOU WISH TO BE BURNT TO A CRISP, HEDGE-HOG! WITH ANY LUCK THAT *IS* WHAT I'M HOPING YOU'LL *TRY* OF COURSE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU TOO, EGG-BREATH!

AGH! BURNT MY GLOVE! GUESS I'M A COOL DUDE IN A HOT SPOT!

FZZZZ!

I *KNEW* IT WAS A MISTAKE TEAMING UP WITH YOU, SONIC! YOU ALWAYS BRING *TROUBLE* TO MY ISLAND!

CHILL OUT, KNUCKLES! I'LL FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS!

HEH,HEH! WISHFUL THINKING. IT AMUSES ME TO SEE YOU'RE JUST AS ARROGANT EVEN TO THE *END!*

WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO? *BORE* US TO DEATH WITH DETAILS OF SOME GREAT "MASTER PLAN" OF YOURS?

AH, YOU MUST BE REFERRING TO MY NEW *INTER-ZONE* TECHNOLOGY, THAT YOU CAME HERE TO DESTROY!

CRRACKKLE!

BEHOLD, MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT! A GATEWAY BETWEEN ZONES! PERFECT FOR INSTANT INVASIONS BY MY BEAUTIFUL BADNIKS! A *SHORT-CUT TO SLAVERY* YOU MIGHT SAY!

...MY SHORT-CUT... YOUR SLAVERY OF COURSE!

YOU DARE TO USE THE ICE CAP ZONE FOR YOUR EVIL MECHINATIONS!

"...IMAGINE THE FUTURE... ARMIES OF BADNIKS POURING THROUGH GATEWAYS SUCH AS THIS TO OUTNUMBER ANY RESISTANCE! I WOULD BE UNSTOPPABLE!"

I'LL FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS TO STOP YOU, ROBOTNIK! I ALWAYS DO!

I THINK I'VE ALREADY *FOUND* A WAY OUT, SONIC...

...AND I'M JUST THE GUY FOR THE JOB!

GUESS THEY DON'T CALL YOU *KNUCKLES* FOR *NOTHING!*

BADNIKS! STOP THEM!

YOU STOP US?

JUST TRY IT!

JUST BECAUSE I MANAGED TO SET US FREE, DOESN'T GIVE YOU CAUSE TO LOOK SO *MIFFED!* HEH, HEH, HEH!

TWACKK!

DON'T PUSH IT, ECHIDNA!

BDOP!

IF YOU'RE SO BRILLIANT, *YOU* CAN DEAL WITH THE PENGUINATORS WHILE *I* TAKE OUT THIS *INTER-ZONE* JUNK!

I CAN HANDLE IT, SONIC! CAN YOU?

BWHAMMMMM!

DOES *THIS* ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, DUDE?

ROBOTNIK IS ESCAPING!

LET HIM GO! HELP ME GET THESE GUYS THROUGH THE GATE-WAY BACK TO MOBIUS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

EVERY-ONE THROUGH? COOL!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! THE GATEWAY IS DESTROYED. OUR TRUCE IS OVER, SONIC! DO NOT TRESPASS ON MY FLOATING ISLAND AGAIN!

FZZZT! BLINK!

SUITS ME! I TAKE IT YOU WON'T BE JOINING US FOR CHRISTMAS THEN!

SONIC! YOU'RE BACK! HOW DID IT GO?

WELL, DESPITE BEING SLOWED DOWN BY THAT RED DUDE IT WAS LIKE ANY MISSION IN THE ICE CAP ZONE... COOL!

ULP! SNOW! MAYBE IT'S A PLAN OF ROBOTNIK'S TO TURN US INTO ANOTHER ICE CAP ZONE!

RELAX, FUZZBRAIN! IT IS CHRISTMAS Y'KNOW!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

...EVERYONE EXCEPT EGG-SHAPED BAD GUYS, THAT IS!

The End

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